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## **Manufacturer Codes for Medical Supplies—Update**

Effective 06/26/2005 medical supplies may be authorized either with or without a 2 digit manufacturer modifier following the 5 digit medical supply code, as follows:

- If only the 5 digit medical supply code is entered on the SAR, the provider must add the 2 digit manufacturer modifier to their claim. This allows the provider to designate any valid manufacturer he chooses when the claim is submitted. The provider cannot claim with only a 5 digit supply code. This should be explained to the providers to avoid denied claims. Wording with this explanation will be added to the Special Instructions selections and must be included on the SAR.
- If the 5 digit supply code AND a specific 2 digit manufacturer code is entered on the SAR, the entire 7 digit code entered by the provider on the claim must match EXACTLY with the 7 digits entered on the SAR by CCS. The provider will not be able to claim for any other manufacturer. This allows CCS to choose the manufacturer whose product is most appropriate, and the provider cannot substitute another manufacturer when they claim.
- If the CCS case manager is uncertain what manufacturer code to authorize, only the 5 digit medical supply code should be designated on the SAR, thus allowing the provider to select the manufacturer they choose.

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- The new medical supply groups feature available in the SAR system will not allow a manufacturer code to be designated on the authorization.